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## CONGRESSMAN DAVID WU ANNOUNCES VA PARKINSON'S RESEARCH AWARD

## Portland VA Medical Center to receive up to \$4 million over four years

*Washington, DC* – Congressman David Wu today announced that the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center will receive up to \$4 million over four years as part of a grant to support new Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Centers (PADRECCs). The Secretary Anthony Principi of Department of Veterans Affairs informed Congressman Wu that the Portland grant is part of a \$36 million award to six VA medical centers in the country.

"I am pleased that the Portland VA Medical Center was nationally recognized and chosen as a site for a Parkinson's research facility," said Congressman Wu. "Millions of Americans who served our country will benefit from the hard work and determination of Oregonians."

The PADRECCs are designed to enable top VA researchers, clinicians and educators to further the neurological understanding of Parkinson's Disease and to develop effective treatments, clinical care strategies and educational support for caregivers and veterans with Parkinson's Disease. Each PADRECC will operate as a component of a national VA consortium while also conducting an independent portfolio of studies covering a full spectrum of research in basic biomedical, clinical trials, rehabilitation and health services delivery.